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## SOME MERCHANTS BALK AT LOAN CONTRIBUTION DEMANDED BY MCC

SHOPS CLOSE RATHER THAN COMPRIBUTE -- Hein-sher Wan-pao, 9 Dec 49

Kuang-chou, 9 December -- Over 70 shops which handle gold transactions in Kuang-chou have closed their doors and taken down their signs, apparently to avoid having to pay a share in the 15-billion-yoan war loan demanded by the Military Control Commission.

BUREAU ISSUES LOAN REGULATIONS -- Hain-sheng Wan-Pao, 10 Dec 49

The Kuang-chou Bureau of Industry and Commerce has promulgated the following regulations governing payments on the war loan asked by the Military Control Commission of local business firms:

- 1. After the amount of its contribution has been determined, no firm shall alter the amount on any pretext whatsoever.
- 2. Every firm shall contribute according to its condition -- larger firms more, smaller firms less. Those who can contribute nothing will be excused.
- 3. Any firm not clear on the matter should report to the bureau at once.

The petroleum companies have settled on a combined contribution of 253 million yuan.

NO CONTRIBUTIONS TET -- Hsin-sheng Wan-pao, 12 Dec 49

With the extended deadline for payment of the war loan to the Kuang-chou MCC only 3 days away, some Kuang-chou business associations have decided on the amount to be contributed by them. However, no association or individ al firm has as ; paid in a cent. All are waiting for some possible change in the situation.

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The heaviest contributors to the loan asked by the Kuang-chou MCC are the jewelry shops. They are expected to contribute a total of 2.1 billion yuan. At a meeting of the jewelrymens' guild, the various shops were divided into five classes for contribution purposes. Five first-class firms were assessed 151,200,000 yuan each, eight second-class firms 65,625,000 yuan each, 20 third-class firms 14,700,000 cach, 25 fourth-class firms 4,846,000 each, and 97 fifth-class firms 2,506,200 yuan each.

Most of the business organizations of the city are actively raising the abounts required to meet the loan.

KUANG-CHCU GOVERNMENT REFUSES TAX RELIEF -- Hein-sheng Wan-pao, 9 Dec 49

Kuang-chou, 9 December -- The Kuang-chou People's government has refused the petition of business circles that unpaid taxes due under the former KMT government be canceled. It said that these taxes must be paid as they are needed for the Chinese Communist war effort.

HONG KONG RAM MATERIALS MARKET IN SLUMP -- Wen-hui Pao, 9 Dec 49

The winter season has slowed down port operations at T'ien-ching and the blockade runners have had less success than hoped for in reaching Shang-hai. This has resulted in many cargoes destined for that port being returned to Hong Kong. Industrial raw materials are piling up in Hong Kong and prices are dropping.

POUND DEVALUATION STIMULATES HONG KONG TRADE -- Hain-sheng Wcn-pao, 8 Dec 49

Several lines of manufactured articles and emports have shown gains for November over October for a total gain of 1,447,168 flong Kong dollars. The devaluation of the pound seems to have stimulated business for flong Kong. Exports of locally manufactured goods to the United Kingdom led the list. Exports to the Chinese mainland were rather meager.

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